



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2011
Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif
Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Donna White
Colleen Shapiro – arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Superintendent
Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary
Mary Landi

Student Representative

Guests

- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- * Chairman's Report
- * Review and Approve Minutes
 - June 15, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
- * Review and Approve Warrants
- * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes reported that Mr. Michael Barney has resigned his position as principal at LHS and will be taking a director's position at the Math and Science Academy at WPI. Mr. Barney has worked with the Lunenburg Public Schools for the past 13 years. Superintendent Calmes intends to post a position for interim principal.
 - Our Technology Plan has been approved by the State; it will be in place until 2012.
 - The extended day program is underway at the Primary School and TCP. Forty-one students are participating in Summer Splash at LHS. The Special Services summer school has 55-60 students depending on the day. TCP's summer enrichment program is underway with a total of 62 students participating in this year (new program).
 - Governor Patrick signed the budget today. Circuit Breaker was funded at the House level – approximately 65%. The kindergarten grant will be funded at \$40,600. The 240 grant will see a decrease of \$10,000. The 262 grant will be level funded. Superintendent Calmes expressed appreciation to our local representative and senator for their advocacy.
 - The TCP school improvement plan has been updated to reflect school committee concerns.
 - Summer projects are ongoing at all the schools.
 - The FY11 budget is being finalized to close out.
- * Public Comment – None.

* New Business

Discussion

- a. Reconfiguration of Schools – Dr. Reif would like to set up a subcommittee to look at this issue. Work would start in August and be completed by the end of October.

The Advisory Committee to the school committee on the reconfiguration of schools to PK-2, 3-6, and 7-12 will include:

2 School Committee members
1 Finance Committee member
1 Board of Selectmen member
2 Parents

Charge: to identify the long-term educational opportunities and challenges around the reconfiguration; to identify organizational and facility challenges; and to articulate the educational opportunities and communicate to the public. Should in the course of this study any short-term opportunities be identified, the advisory committee will bring that information to the School Committee.

Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the formation of the Advisory Committee. Voted: unanimous. Mr. Mackin and Ms. Shapiro volunteered to be on the committee.

- b. Bus Fees – Superintendent Calmes recommended no bus fee for FY12 since we received the kindergarten grant. A parking fee will be put in place at the high school for the upcoming school year.
- c. High School Principal Plans – Mr. Mackin will serve on the search committee.

* Old Business

* Public Comment

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
- b. Finance Committee – Dr. Reif reminded everyone of the July 14 public hearing and July 18 special town meeting.
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- l. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

- * Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Dr. Berthiaume seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Reif – yes

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

Mr. Mackin – yes

Ms. White – yes

Ms. Shapiro – yes

- * Adjournment – At 8:21 Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn regular session. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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Lunenburg School Committee

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